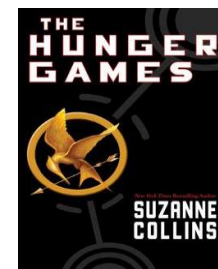


Task: Watch the clip and read the extracts below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HICE0fOi8> This all about the Hunger Games opening ceremony, when the tributes parade in the capitol in a long horse drawn chariot ride to raise support and popularity.

- 1) Read the extract and highlight key information about the feelings and thoughts of the characters in the opening ceremony.
- 2) Answer the inference questions using quotes from the text to support your answers.

EXT: Write a short summary of the extract below.



For the first time, I feel a flicker of hope rising up in me. Surely there must be one sponsor willing to take me on! And with a little extra help, some food, the right weapon, why should I count myself out of the Games?

Someone throws me a red rose. I catch it, give it a delicate sniff, and blow a kiss back in the general direction of the giver. A hundred hands reach up to catch my kiss, as if it were a real and tangible thing.

"Katniss! Katniss!" I can hear my name being called from all sides. Everyone wants my kisses.

It's not until we enter the City Circle that I realize I must have completely stopped the circulation in Peeta's hand. That's how tightly I've been holding it. I look down at our linked fingers as I loosen my grasp, but he regains his grip on me. "No, don't let go of me," he says. The firelight flickers off his blue eyes. "Please. I might fall out of this thing."

"OK," I say. So I keep holding on, but I can't help feeling strange about the way Cinna has linked us together. It's not really fair to present us as a team and then lock us into the arena to kill each other.

The twelve chariots fill the loop of the City Circle. On the buildings that surround the Circle, every window is packed with the most prestigious citizens of the Capitol. Our horses pull our chariot right up to

President Snow's mansion, and we come to a halt. The music ends with a flourish.

The president, a small, thin man with paper-white hair, gives the official welcome from a balcony above us. It is traditional to cut away to the faces of the tributes during the speech. But I can see on the screen that we are getting way more than our share of airtime. The darker it becomes, the more difficult it is to take your eyes off our flickering. When the national anthem plays, they do make an effort to do a quick cut around to each pair of tributes, but the camera holds on the District 12 chariot as it parades around the circle one final time and disappears into the Training Centre.

The doors have only just shut behind us when we're engulfed by the prep teams, who are nearly unintelligible as they babble out praise. As I glance around, I notice a lot of the other tributes are shooting us dirty looks, which confirms what I've suspected; we've literally outshone them all. Then Cinna and Portia are there, helping us down from the chariot, carefully removing our flaming capes and headdresses. Portia extinguishes them with some kind of spray from a canister.

I realize I'm still glued to Peeta and force my stiff fingers to open. We both massage our hands.

"Thanks for keeping hold of me. I was getting a little shaky there," says Peeta.

1	The opening ceremony gave Katniss hope that she could win the Hunger Games, do you agree or disagree? Use evidence from the text to support your ideas.	P E E
2	How could gaining a sponsor help Katniss in the hunger games? Use evidence from the text and your existing understanding to support your ideas.	P E E
3	Katniss is distracted by the crowd's response to her. Do you agree or disagree? Use evidence from the text in your answer.	P E E
4	What makes Katniss and Peeta so popular with the crowd at the opening ceremony?	P E E
5	How do the other tributes feel about Katniss and Peeta's popularity at the opening ceremony?	P E E
6	Create your own inference question and challenge a friend to answer it.	P E E